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by deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 24, is amended by deleting Part 6 in its entirety and by substituting instead Sections 2 through 5 of this act as new Part 6.

SECTION 2. (a) There is created the board of alcohol and drug abuse counselors.

(b) The board shall consist of five (5) members who are residents of this state, and who shall be appointed by the governor.

(1) Initial appointments to the board shall be as follows: two (2) nationally certified master alcohol and drug abuse counselors licensed by the department of health shall serve for terms of one (1) year and four (4) years respectively; one (1) person, who is not directly or indirectly engaged in the alcohol and drug abuse profession shall serve for a term of two (2) years; and two (2) nationally certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors licensed by the department of health shall serve for terms of four (4) years and five (5) years respectively.

(2) The Tennessee chapter of the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors may submit a list of at least three (3) nominees for each appointment or vacancy to be filled and the governor may make his appointment from such list.

(3) All board members, except the member who is not directly or indirectly engaged in alcohol and drug abuse counsel profession, shall be duly registered or eligible to be registered by the board. Subsequent appointees to the board shall

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possess the professional qualifications required by their predecessors as herein required and shall be appointed to five-year terms.

(4) Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. Any vacancy occurring on the board shall be filled by the governor for the balance of the unexpired term. A board member who has served a five-year term is not eligible for reappointment during the one (1) year period following the appointment of his successor.

(5) In making appointments to the board, the governor shall strive to ensure that at least one (1) person serving on the board is sixty (60) years or old or older and that at least one (1) person serving on the board is a member of a racial minority.

(c) For each day engaged in business of the board, members shall receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) as compensation and shall also receive actual expenses to be paid in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(d) The members of the board shall annually elect a chairman and secretary.

(e) The board shall meet as frequently as necessary to implement the provisions of this act. Three (3) or more members of the board constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting board business.

(f) For administrative purposes, the board shall be attached to the board of health related boards as defined in § 68-1-101, herein referred to as the "division".

SECTION 3. The board may license the minimal competence of alcohol and drug abuse counselors based on satisfactory completion of its licensure process, including passing

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examinations, maintaining competence and professional standards and paying reasonable fees.

The board has the authority to promulgate regulations to establish fees for licensure, renewal and examination; to establish standards of practice, qualifications for initial licensure and continued licensure; and for any other purpose in the furtherance of this act.

SECTION 4. (a) All licenses shall be renewed each year.

(b) The board, by rule, shall establish reasonable and necessary fees so that the fees, in the aggregate produce sufficient revenue to cover the cost of administering this act.

(c) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. The licensure of persons under this act does not prohibit other persons from providing assistance or counseling to alcohol and drug abusing and dependent persons.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-220(a), is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

( ) Board of alcohol and drug abuse counselors;

SECTION 7. For the purpose of appointing members and for promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes this act shall take effect January 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.

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